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UNCTAD INTERGOVERNMENTAL PREPARATORY GROUP (IPG)
ON INTERNATIONAL MULTIMODAL TRANSPORT

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1. EMBASSY PUT QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTEL TO U.K.
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE OFFICIAL DEALING WITH THE IPG
(CLIVE PALMER). HE HAS COME BACK TO US WITH THE
FOLLOWING REPLIES AND COMMENTS. THE U.K. RESPONSE
IN BRIEF IS THAT IT WOULD BE UNHAPPY WITH A U.S.
WITHDRAWAL THAT WAS NOT COORDINATED WITH AND AGREED

TO AS A JOINT ACTION BY OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES.

2. U.K. HAS NOT BEEN PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS AND DIRECTION OF THE IPG AND IS CARRYING OUT ITS OWN EVALUATION. IT INTENDS TO HAVE ITS POSITION READY PRIOR TO THE JUNE 14-16 GROUP B MEETING. IT IS EXAMINING WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD FROM ITS POINT OF VIEW JUSTIFY U.K. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CONFERENCE. WITHDRAWAL IN ANY EVENT WOULD REQUIRE SPECIFIC MINISTERIAL APPROVAL.

3. U.K. WOULD BE DISTURBED IF U.S. ALONE WITHDREW, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE IT WOULD WEAKEN THE POSITION OF THOSE GROUP B MEMBERS WHO HAD ASSOCIATED THEMSELVES WITH THE U.S. IN ITS OBJECTIONS AND REMAINED IN THE CONFERENCE. IF THINGS BECAME VERY BAD IN THE IPG, THE U.K. WOULD PREFER A COORDINATED JOINT WITHDRAWAL. THE U.K. DID NOT BELIEVE MATTERS HAD GOTTEN THAT BAD AS YET. AT THE SECOND PART OF THE THIRD SESSION A COMMON UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON A FUTURE CONVENTION. THAT UNDERSTANDING HAD ONLY ONE REFERENCE TO PUBLIC LAW, AND AS YET, DESPITE THREATS OF SOME G-77 MEMBERS, THE COMMON UNDERSTANDING HAS NOT BEEN BREACHED. THE U.K. OBJECTIVE IS TO ACHIEVE A SATISFACTORY AND ACCEPTABLE PRIVATE LAW CONVENTION EVEN THOUGH IT COULD GET ALONG WITHOUT ONE.

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